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§ 13.72 Release of funds from Personal Funds of Patients.

Veterans Service Center Managers may authorize release of funds from Personal Funds of Patients for the needs of veterans and their dependents, including amounts fixed by statute or administrative regulations as the cost of current maintenance of veterans in institutions of the United States or a political subdivision thereof other than Department of Veterans Affairs institutions.

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§ 13.73 Transfer of funds from funds due incompetent beneficiaries.

Veterans Service Center Managers may, when required for the benefit of the veteran and/or the veteran's dependents, authorize the transfer of amounts credited to veterans in Funds Due Incompetent Beneficiaries to Department of Veterans Affairs Personal Funds of Patients accounts or to chief officers of non-Department of Veterans Affairs institutions for the accounts of institutionalized veterans.

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§§ 13.74–13.77 [Reserved]

§ 13.100 Supervision of fiduciaries.

(a) *Federal fiduciaries.* In Federal fiduciary cases, the Veterans Service Center Manager may, when he or she deems it necessary for the protection of the beneficiary's interests:

(1) Require an accounting, formal or informal, of Department of Veterans Affairs benefits paid.

(2) Terminate the appointment of a Federal fiduciary and appoint a successor Federal fiduciary.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 5502)

(b) *Court-appointed fiduciaries.* In court-appointed fiduciary cases, the Veterans Service Center Manager will take such informal action as may be necessary to assure that the needs of the beneficiary are provided for and Department of Veterans Affairs benefits are prudently administered and adequately protected.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501)

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(c) *Unsatisfactory conditions.* In any case where a fiduciary fails to render a satisfactory account or has collected or paid, or is attempting to collect or pay, fees, commissions, or allowances that are illegal or inequitable or in excess of those allowed by law, or has failed to use Department of Veterans Affairs funds for the benefit of the beneficiary or the beneficiary's dependents, or has otherwise failed or neglected to properly execute the duties of his or her trust, and informal efforts by the Veterans Service Center Manager to correct the situation prove unsuccessful, the case will be referred to the Regional Counsel. In such cases the Veterans Service Center Manager may have all Department of Veterans Affairs benefits suspended.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 5502)

(d) *Misappropriation, embezzlement or violation of Federal statutes.* When the evidence indicates a prima facie case of misappropriation, embezzlement or violation of the Federal statutes, the matter will be submitted to the Regional Counsel for review and, if appropriate, the Regional Counsel's referral to the U.S. Attorney.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 6101)

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§ 13.101 Management and use of estates of minors.

Department of Veterans Affairs benefits payable in behalf of minors should be used for their benefit. Such funds should be expended only to the extent the person or persons responsible for their needs are unable to provide for them, except those derived from payments under 38 U.S.C. ch. 35.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501)

[28 FR 10751, Oct. 5, 1963]

§ 13.102 Accountability of legal custodians.

(a) *Institutionalized veterans without spouse or child.* The legal custodian of VA benefits of an incompetent veteran who has neither spouse nor child and who is being furnished hospital treatment or institutional or domiciliary care by the United States or a political subdivision thereof, will account upon